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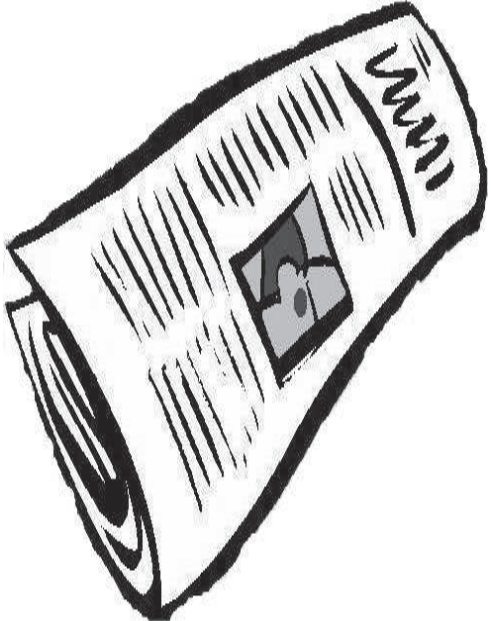


Strongman competition planned, asks for competitors, spectators

MOUNT IDA -- Organizer Landon Woodfield has announced a strongman competition in Mount Ida at Stidman Field on March 7. The event will be called War of the Ouachitas. The effort currently has 19 men and seven women athletes registered to compete across 12 different categories including men's and women's weight classes, novice and teen divisions, and masters 40+, 50+, and 60+ age categories for each. The events during the competition will be a vehicle arm-over-arm pull, log press, axle deadlift, max distance tire throw, and max distance sandbag carry. "These are the same type of events you may see at World's Strongest Man on tv," said Woodfield. The event will welcome all athletes and spectators. The competition is partnered in conjunction with the Mount Ida football program as a fundraiser for the team. "Please help me spread the word of this competition to any athletes that are interested and to any spectators who would like to watch!" said Woodfield. Competitor registration ends on February 8. The form can be accessed at ironpodium.com/browse/event/war-of-the-ouachitas.

Food bank to distribute boxes locally on Jan. 28

TEXARKANA -- Harvest Regional Food Bank will distribute TEFAP USDA Food Boxes directly from their truck in Murfreesboro on Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. or until all boxes have been distributed. Recipients must come inside the Municipal building located at 204 E. Main St. to check in. Check-In starts at 7 a.m. Once checked in, recipients will go back to their vehicle and proceed to line up along 2nd Ave and Owens St. towards First United Methodist Church. Food boxes will be loaded directly into vehicles from the back of the Municipal building. The next Mobile Pantry is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18. Recipients must bring photo identification or proof of address to verify they are residents of Pike County. Distribution is limited to one box per household and two households per vehicle.



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Board told baseball, softball regionals to be held here

MURFREESBORO -- South Pike County (SPC) School Board members were presented with certificates from the state School Board Association in honor of their service. In addition each of the board members received a gift certificate from Eoff's Market food truck in Delight. "It's a thankless job ... we do it for the kids, teachers and people that work [at the school] said board secretary Alyssa Duggan. SPC Superintendent Tanya Wilcher said that letters of intent had been supplied to all school employees in order to help plan for next year. She said she had heard about some possible retirements, but employees had until the end of January to return the forms declaring their intentions for next school year. Work on the 2026-2027 school year calendar was underway, but Wilcher said she didn't expect much in the way of changes from this school year's version. Updating board members on the baseball/softball complex progression, Wilcher said the "batter's eye" background was completed as was new netting that extended upward another ten feet. Additionally, concrete slabs for the batting cages had been poured, and Wilcher noted that Smith's Ready Mix had donated some of the concrete to the projects. Diamond Bank will be paying for the bating cage project. "We have a great looking facility," Wilcher said of the twin field complex. This upcoming spring playoff time will be busy for Murfreesboro, with the facility hosting not only the softball district tournament (7-2A baseball does not hold and end of the season tournament starting last season) but also the baseball and softball regional tournaments on May 7-9. Palestine Wheatley will again host the baseball state tournament, after being the only class 2A school to submit a bid. Basketball regionals will be held at Hampton, while the state tournament will be hosted by Poyen. Depending on the weather next week, the senior girls' track team will prospectively head to Fayetteville to participate in the state indoor track meet. Wilcher said they would be watching the weather forecasts intently. The plan for the team to attend the meet in January 2025 was canceled by a bout of winter weather. Agriculture instructor Blake Simmons has

been awarded an Arkansas Game and Fish grant for \$8,600 to aid in the school's shooting sports program. The program is funded by fines collected against offenders in Pike County. The next school board meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m., subject to change depending on the postseason basketball schedule. In the high school academics report, it was noted that while after school tutoring was "going well" it was noted that the school was looking for more students to participate. Parents of students interested in the program can call the school for more information. MHS instructor Melissa Cornish was elected as the new President of the Executive Board for the Arkansas Science Teachers Association. "[I'm] feeling honored, energized, and ready to support and uplift science educators across our state," Cornish recently said on social media. At Murfreesboro Elementary School, students will no longer be provided the IXL learn-

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MEMBERS RECOGNIZED ... South Pike County School Board members were recognized at Monday night's meeting for their service. Pictured above is board members (L to R) Andrea McRae, Brian Caldwell, Barbie Baxter, Robert Silva, Cory Ballard, Alyssa Duggan and Wes Campbell.



STORE OPENS ... Local residents were again provided the option of local grocery shopping following the opening of Chimney Rock Grocery on January 14. Pictured below is owners and employees on the opening shift.



BOARD

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ing program on their iPads for English language arts and mathematics. “It was making them hate school,” MES Principal James Riley joked. He showed the board the new Waggle program from the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company that will be implemented in a gaming/learning curriculum that is, according to Riley, “not overly gaming, compared to some.” “We have to meet the kids where they are at and engage them there,” he said of the youths’ desire for digital entertainment. The program will force students to earn gaming time and allow only 90 seconds a day to adjust things like their avatar. By engaging in lessons, the students can earn tokens, with each one (up to five maximum) earning them two minutes of gaming time.

The program will take the students through “educational missions” in order to master skills, watch topical videos before they can progress and provides hints and feedback. “It’s AI generated, so it adapts to each kid,” Riley said. The program will provide notification to teachers about problem areas for the students, and hallway space will be devoted to “leaderboards” for excelling students. “It’s not games all the time ... it will hopefully be a great supplement and educational tool -- it’s pretty cool,” Riley confessed. MES is also holding after school tutoring, but Riley said there was lots of participation at the younger level. “It’s helping kids a lot -- according to them and their parents, so we will see how it goes.” This week the MES Beta Club will make their first trek to the state convention in Hot Springs on Wednesday. “It’s our first time, so we are going to take it all in and get motivated for

the future,” Riley told the board. He said students would be competing in visual arts, apparel designs, engineering and performing arts. A survey will soon be sent home for parents of elementary school students. The board approved the six year facilities master plan, which features upgrades such as ADA compliance and a new roof for the lower elementary. Wilcher told the board that no comments had been submitted by the public during the review time. She said some safety partnership money was available for things such as film over glass doors, bulletproof glass, and double door vestibules to slow entry into a building by someone outside. The recent energy review study did not project enough savings over the next 20 years of the program to justify entering it at this time, according to Wilcher. She told the board it wasn’t anything the district had to “jump into” and could reassess in

the future. Wilcher said the school would also look into revamping the concession stand and bathroom areas of the gymnasium. The board approved a transfer of a tenth grader who was home-schooled, formerly from California. The parents of the student, who is interested in wrestling, asked that the release be given to attend the Arkadelphia School District. The board also approved that Wilcher be able to handle run of the mill transfer situations and the report them to the board as opposed to waiting for a meeting. She vowed that she would wait for board approval on contentious or irregular requests to transfer. After an executive session, the board unanimously approved the resignation of MES counselor Rachelle Irwin and extended Wilcher’s contract through 2028-2029 with a \$5,000 salary increase.



Submitted photo

ELECTED ... Murfreesboro High School science instructor Melissa Cornish was recently elected president of the of the Executive Board for the Arkansas Science Teachers Association.

Yearly weed and insect control publications available locally

BY CODIE MCALISTER
Pike County Extension Agent -- Agriculture

Time flies and it’s already 2026! We have available new 2026 copies for the MP44 (weed control recommendations) and the MP144 (insect control recommendations). These copies are free and available to the public. You can also find the copies online if you are in a pinch on our website at www.uaex.uada.edu. These books provide our latest up to date recommendations for herbicides and insecticides. The recommendations include products, spray rates, and timings of applications. Copies are available in our office in Murfreesboro at 100 Court St. Murfreesboro, AR. This is also a great time of year to take soil tests in your pastures or gardens. These soil tests can create a customized plan when it comes to making fertilize applications whether you have a mixed cool and warm season pasture, a Bermuda hay field, or a garden that grows legumes. These soil tests can show what nutrients may be lacking in the soil. With a customized recommendation, it can help with growth and harvest. Soil tests are free to Arkansas residents. Don’t have time for taking samples? I am happy to come out and take samples free of charge! Have an issue in your garden? I can come out to look at those as well! Want to take a sample but

don’t know how? Call our office and we’d be happy to assist.

SAVE THE DATE!
The 2026 Southwest Homesteading Conference will take place February 21, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Nashville UA Cossatot Campus. There will be sessions on composting, pond management, forestry and timber, beekeeping, Dutch oven cooking, sourdough bread, pressure canning, water bath canning and more! Cost will be \$30 per person with lunch included. Those interested can now register by going to this link: https://uada.formstack.com/forms/southwest_homesteading or by scanning the QR Code. Sign up by February 15, 2026 to get a guaranteed meal choice! You will be able to register at the door as well. Registration begins at 8:30 AM in the atrium of the UA Cossatot Nashville Campus. This year there will be a new addition including a Kid’s Camp at the Southwest Homesteading Conference. It will be \$25 per kid, including lunch, snacks, and supplies for the activities. Activities will include freezer jam, candles, mini barn quilts, and more!

UPCOMING
A Private Pesticide Applicator Training held February 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Pike County Extension office. Cost is \$20

per person. This allows you to get your private pesticide license and will allow you to purchase and apply restricted use herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, or pesticides. There will be more workshops and meetings posted in the upcoming weeks, including beef production, forage production, flowers and houseplants and more! For more information, you can contact the Pike County Extension Office at 870-285-2161 or you can contact your local county extension office. You can also visit our website at www.uaex.uada.edu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JESSIE MARIE FATHERREE, deceased Case No. 55PR-26-3

PUBLIC NOTICE-ESTATE

Last known address of the decedent: 405 Rock Creek Rd.,
Glenwood, AR 71943

Date of Death: April 21, 2025.

An instrument, dated November 05, 2018, was on January 01, 2026 admitted to probate as the Last Will of the above decedent and an Order dated January 13, 2026, lawfully appointing GENAE W. LEWIS and DAWN L. REYNA, as the CO-Executrix of the above estate.

That all persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published on this day of January 21, 2026.

GENAE W. LEWIS, Petitioner
DAWN L. REYNA, Petitioner

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(d.b. 173w., 29,30)

Homeless man arrested on allegations of rape

MURFREESBORO -- A man who reportedly lives in a Texarkana area homeless shelter has been arrested on suspicion of rape in Pike County. Samuel Rogers, 52, was arrested in Texarkana last week and booked into the Pike County jail on two counts of rape on Jan. 15. Pike County Investigator Jason McDonald said he had been looking for Rogers since last summer and also had the U.S. Marshals Service in on the search. McDonald said Rogers was eventually arrested by the Texarkana, Texas Police Department. According to an affidavit of probable cause, Rogers is accused of sexually abusing two female juveniles, ages 13 and 14, as early as when one of the children was six or seven years old. The children said the assaults usually happened when there was no adult supervision and that Rogers often appeared intoxicated. At the time the affidavit was prepared, Rogers’ whereabouts were unknown.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE FROM THE PIKE COUNTY ELECTION
COMMISSION
PUBLIC VOTE MACHINE TESTING

Pike County Clerk Randee Edwards has announced that logic and accuracy testing of all media to be used in the voting equipment for the 2026 Primary Election will take place in the Clerk’s office at 112 N. Washington, Suite A, Murfreesboro, on Wednesday, January 28th, at 9:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

This publication was paid for by the Murfreesboro Water Commission, the amount for this publication is \$39.15 (p.c.c. 66w, 29)

PUBLIC NOTICE

MURFREESBORO WATER COMMISSION
CHANGE OF REGULAR MONTHLY
COMMISSIONERS MEETING DATE

Please be advised that the regular monthly meeting of the Commissioners has been rescheduled from the First Monday of each month to the Second Monday of each month. The meeting will continued to be held at 1:00 p.m. in the back room of the Municipal Building. This change will take effect February 9, 2026 and remain in place until further notice. For additional information, please contact the Murfreesboro Water and Sewer Department at 870-285-2655.

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Understanding estate planning and special needs trusts

Estate planning is more than writing a will. It is a thoughtful process of reviewing how you own property, determining your goals, coordinating assets, and developing a clear plan to transfer those assets to heirs or other beneficiaries. A good estate plan is one that meets a family's economic and legal objectives. It should address multiple levels of concern: What happens to property if one spouse dies? What if both spouses pass away? How is property handled if joint owners die, or if an entire immediate family is lost? These questions can become even more complex when a beneficiary has special needs.

A Special Needs Trust (SN)T may be worth considering if you have a child with disabilities who receives or may need Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, or other means-tested benefits; if you want to leave an inheritance to a disabled family member without affecting government assistance; if a loved one has received funds from a lawsuit or insurance payout; or if a disabled relative has unexpectedly inherited money or property.

Special Needs Trusts can benefit individuals with a wide range of conditions, including intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, mental health conditions, chronic illnesses, and progressive conditions diagnosed before age 65.

For families that include a loved one with disabilities, estate planning requires special care. Inheritances can unintentionally jeopardize essential government benefits such as Medicaid or SSI which have strict income and asset limits. A direct inheritance, personal injury settlement, or insurance payout can disqualify a person with disabilities from benefits they depend on for basic living expenses and medical care.

The importance of these trusts cannot be overstated. Because government benefit programs impose strict financial limits, even well-intentioned gifts or inheritances can cause harm.

For families of individuals with disabilities, special needs trusts offer peace of mind. Parents can be confident that their child will be cared for throughout their lifetime without losing access to healthcare or income support. Grandparents can leave meaningful inheritances that truly benefit grandchildren with special needs. Personal injury victims can preserve settlement funds while maintaining Medicaid coverage for ongoing treatment.

To help families navigate these important issues, the Pike and Montgomery Counties will host attorney Lisa Shoalmire of Ross & Shoalmire, P.L.L.C. on Monday, January 26 at 5:00 p.m. Shoalmire will speak on special needs trusts, sharing her profes-



PIKE COUNTY EXTENSION

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sional expertise and real-world experience. After her presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions. This community program offers an opportunity to better understand estate planning and special needs trusts and to take informed steps toward protecting loved ones and their futures. Sandwiches and drinks will be served. There is no charge to attend. Please come and bring a friend. To register for this class, please call the Pike County Extension Office at (870) 285-2161.

This week's recipe is one of the quickest suppers you will ever find. Sprinkle a bowl of this zesty chili with cheese and a dollop of sour cream and you are guaranteed a heartfelt "ahhhhh." Enjoy!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK: ZIPPY BLACK-BEAN CHILI

Ingredients



ONGOING -- Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation will have softball, baseball and tee ball sign up at the park during business hours (8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. on Mondays-Fridays from Jan. 18-30. No forms will be accepted after 4 p.m. Jan. 30.

JANUARY 26 -- Pike and Montgomery County Extension Class, Special Needs Trusts, Lisa Shoalmire, Ross & Shoalmire Elder Law & Estate Planning. Held at Bainum Library Community Room, Glenwood on Monday, January 26, at 5 p.m., please call (870) 285-2161 to register. There is no charge for this class.

JANUARY 28 -- Pike County Clerk

- ¾ pound ground beef
- 1 Tablespoon Chili powder
- 1 (19-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (14 ½-ounce) can crushed tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (8-ounce) jar hot salsa
- Shredded Cheddar Cheese and Sour Cream (both optional)

Instructions
1. Cook ground beef in a large skillet over medium-high heat, stirring until it crumbles and is no longer pink; drain well. Add chili powder; cook 3 minutes stirring constantly.
2. Add black beans, tomatoes, and salsa; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Serves 4.
3. Sprinkle each serving with cheese and a dollop of sour cream, if desired.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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JANUARY 28 & 29 -- Pike and Navada County Cooking Class -- Cooking for a

Change will be held at the Murfreesboro Extension Office, 100 Court Suite Suite A, Murfreesboro on Wednesday, Jan. 28 9 a.m. and Thursday, Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m. Class is \$20.

Send community announcements to mdiamond@winstream.net at least two weeks before an event.

EHC clubs names members of year for 2025

BY AVONNE PETTY
Pike County EHC reporter

MURFREESBORO: The Pike County Extension Homemakers Club members from across the county met in December for their County Council meeting. President, Jeanette conducted the meeting with updates on the council and club's projects and news from the Arkansas EHC. An inspirational piece was read by Marcell Knighten..

"Shabby to Chic - Recycling what you have," was an interesting presentation by Susie O'Neal and Avonne Petty. Their program focused on reusing items we already have in new ways instead of throwing away and buying more.

Each club selected a "Member of the Year for their club with an award presented to each. The

East Delight club awarded Ginny Evans the honor. As President, Evans works hard leading the club. Glenwood club selected the late Mona Swihart for their honoree. Swihart was instrumental in starting the "Sew It's Monday" group and was a very active member. Dorathy Ingram received the Pisgah club. She is the member who quietly works to support club projects. All three of these ladies richly deserve this honor voted on by members of their club.

EHC members are working on their project for this year, making bibs for the Nursing Centers in both Glenwood and Murfreesboro. Some will be dignity bibs made with shirts for the men.

For more information about the clubs in your area, or if you would be interested in starting a new club, contact the County Extension FCS agent, Eva Langley at (870) 285-2161.



Submitted photo/PCEHC

MEMBERS RECOGNIZED ... Dorathy Ingram (center) receives the Pisgah EHC Club Woman of the Year award with her club members (L to R): Jeanette Deaton, Susie O'Neal, Beth Steuart, Reda Ledbetter, Ingram, Connie Dorathy, Abigail Henderson, Avonne Petty, and Staci Henderson during the County EHC meeting in December.

SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Breakfast: Chicken biscuit or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Chicken alfredo, seasoned carrots, fresh broccoli w/ranch, garlic toast, peaches, milk

Line 2- 7-12 Orange chicken w/ fried rice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, 7-12 white gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole grain roll,

pears, milk

Line 2- 7-12 Chicken nuggets

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Breakfast: Sausage croissant, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Beef -A-Roni, Italian vegetable blend, garlic bread, peaches, milk

Line 2- 7-12 Chicken sandwich, potato smiles, lettuce, tomato

**Due to food item shortages menus are subject to change without notice. Any changes to the menu will be posted on the website at www.rattlers.org*

MURFREESBORO SENIOR ADULT CENTER LUNCH MENU

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, chips, apple cobbler

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

Chicken tenders, white beans, seasoned okra, roll, cookie

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Meatloaf, green beans, carrots, roll, peaches & cream

Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. For more information (870) 285-2312. Open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 a.m. Carry out is now available for \$6.00

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 - 5. Research location
 - 8. Partridge's fruit tree
 - 12. *Grid follower
 - 13. * ____ Upshaw, multiple Super Bowl winner
 - 14. Canada's national tree
 - 15. Like Homer Simpson's head
 - 16. Allege
 - 17. Agenda entries
 - 18. *Adding a rushing player
 - 20. Aphrodite's lover
 - 21. Not host
 - 22. Tire meas.
 - 23. Composure under strain
 - 26. More distant
 - 30. Thompson of "Some Kind of Wonderful"
 - 31. Ubiquitous deciduous tree
 - 34. Genealogical plant
 - 35. Poetic feet
 - 37. Dream time, acr.
 - 38. The Romanovs, e.g.
 - 39. Song for solo voice
 - 40. Dishevel, as in hair
 - 42. Clever humor
 - 43. *SoFi ____, Super Bowl LXI venue
 - 45. *Last year's Super Bowl winners
 - 47. Web robot
 - 48. Tesla Roadster with Starman location
 - 50. a.k.a. podagra
 - 52. *The only NFL team with perfect season
 - 55. Plant-based laxative
 - 56. Symphony member
 - 57. "No ____ for you!"
 - 59. No gains without them
 - 60. Retired, abbr.
 - 61. Field worker
 - 62. Bohemian
 - 63. Not Miss or Ms
 - 64. Poker amount

DOWN

game stars

- 1. Bro to bro
- 2. Speedy steed
- 3. Chuck Berry's " ____ Over Beethoven"
- 4. Rainbow color
- 5. *Santa Clara's ____ Stadium, Super Bowl LX venue
- 6. Beside, archaic
- 7. Titanic's frozen enemy
- 8. *Team with most Super Bowl appearances
- 9. Fencing weapon
- 10. Charitable contributions
- 11. Hi- ____
- 13. Garden shelter
- 14. Unhealthy atmosphere
- 19. Little hills
- 22. P in m.p.g.
- 23. Mark Twain to Samuel Clemens
- 24. Lively
- 25. Vampire of Greek mythology
- 26. *One of two teams to win while hosting Super Bowl
- 27. Long fishing line
- 28. Like haunted house
- 29. What the defense does?
- 32. High school dressy affair
- 33. Romanian money
- 36. *Super Bowl LX halftime show headliner (2 words)
- 38. Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young: " ____ Your Children"
- 40. Egyptian boy king, for short
- 41. Long jump
- 44. I to Greeks, pl.
- 46. Rob Marshall's 2005 movie "Memoirs of a ____"
- 48. On the wagon
- 49. Land parcels
- 50. *Shoulder pads and cleats
- 51. "Put a lid ____!"
- 52. College dwelling
- 53. High part of day
- 54. Edible fat
- 55. Facial site
- 58. *Charlie Puth and Brandi Carlile, ____

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MES announces second quarter honor roll lists

MURFREESBORO -- Murfreesboro Elementary School has announced the honor roll for the second nine weeks period that concluded the first semester.

Children on the lists include:

KINDERGARTEN HONOR ROLL

Laykyn Ables, Payten Argo. Taylor Agudio, Pyasleigh Copeland, Ainsley Campbell, Allie Brown, Conner Buck, Ember Gatliff, Eva Vaught, Max Williams, Nayte Bates, Nora Kosters, Reece Bromley, Suttan Womack, Bentley Wastian, Skylar Jackson, Rowan Gillard, Piper Williamson , Willa Kidd, Clyde Henderson, Raylee Mitchell

ALL A'S FIRST GRADE

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ALL A'S SECOND GRADE

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Local students named to OBU honor list for fall semester

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – Ouachita Baptist University has announced its Dean’s List and President’s List for the Fall 2025 semester.

To qualify for either list, students must be classified as a full-time undergraduate student, with a minimum of 12 academic hours and no incomplete or failing grades for the semester. The Dean’s List features students who have complied a 3.5-3.9 grade point average, while the President’s List includes students who compiled a 4.0 grade point average.

Local Students named to the dean’s list include:

- Amity -- Kinsley Rowland
- Glenwood -- Gracie Wright
- Mount Ida -- Landon Gadberry and Jacob Woodfield
- Murfreesboro -- Alyssa Jones and Ella Claire Brinkley

Local Students named to the president’s list include:

- Amity -- Makenzie Grider
- Delight -- Jenna May
- Glenwood -- Andrea Allen and Taylor Doty
- Langley -- Anna White
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- Nashville -- Anna-Kate Sartin and Addison Tate

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